

## Reuters and Multex.com create Internet Portal for Japanese Private Investors

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**Tokyo and London** – Reuters (RTR.L), the information, news and technology group, and Multex.com Inc. (Nasdaq: MLTX.O), a global provider of investment information and technology solutions to the financial services industry, have entered into a 50/50 joint venture to form a new company, Multex Investor Japan, for retail investors in Japan.

Multex Investor Japan will provide for registered members a range of software applications, Japanese-language news and financial information that will allow them to analyse and manage their own personal investment portfolios. Multex Investor Japan's content will also include research from leading stockbrokers, investment banks and independent research firms.

Multex Investor Japan will largely replicate a similar US portal, Multex Investor ([www.multexinvestor.com](http://www.multexinvestor.com)) and a European portal, Multex Investor Europe. The former was launched by Multex.com in November 1998 and currently has more than two million registered users. The latter, a 50/50 joint venture between Reuters and Multex, was launched in the UK ([www.multexinvestor.co.uk](http://www.multexinvestor.co.uk)) in September this year and went live in Germany ([www.multexinvestor.de](http://www.multexinvestor.de)) in October. It has already over 25,000 registered users.

Multex Investor Japan will focus on Japan's rapidly expanding online retail investor community. Japan has the world's second largest Internet market of 30 million users. Stockbrokers, investment banks and other research publishers are planned to be represented on the portal through sponsorship packages and will be able to attract new customers to their own online broking services. The Multex Investor Japan site will also have links to the Japanese version of the Reuters Personal Finance portal, planned for next year.

Multex also provides the technology and content for other Reuters products for the professional financial markets, including Reuters Broker Research and Reuters Credit. Reuters was an early investor in Multex and currently holds a minority interest in the company.

Peter Job, chief executive, Reuters, commented in Tokyo: "This new joint venture will significantly contribute to the Reuters consumer retail strategy in Japan by bringing premium content and portfolio management tools to the Japanese private investor. We are delighted to broaden our relationship with Multex into Asia."

Isaak Karaev, chairman & chief executive officer, Multex.com, said in New York: "The Multex Investor Japan financial portal will focus on the rapidly expanding online investor community in Japan. We aim to replicate the success that we have experienced in the US and Europe by providing the private investor in Japan with the very best information and decision making tools. Multex.com brings to the venture a proven successful Internet offering and technology whilst Reuters delivers an unmatched quality of financial news and data."

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